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5. [redacted] - GLC) In response to Senator Charles H. Percy's (R., Ill.) request for an updating of his unclassified chart on Soviet ICBM threats, I gave Scott Cohen, of the Senator's staff, the figures provided us by OSR as taken from unclassified sources (1200 at the end of 1969--the Institute of Strategic Studies; and 1240--the New York Times of 28 April 1970).

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6. [redacted] JMM) Met with Senator Milton Young whom I briefed in detail on the differences between FBIS and NSA intercept operations. I gave him a set of current FBIS area books to examine at his leisure.

I briefed the Senator on the current military situation in Cambodia, and the Soviet military presence in Egypt.

In answer to my question the Senator said he thought our budget briefing earlier in the week had gone very well and that he was reassured at Senator Ellender's reasonably friendly attitude toward the Agency. However, he said that undoubtedly Ellender would push for some cuts in the intelligence community and possibly at least token cuts in the Agency budget. This, said Young, would of course depend in part on whether Senator Russell took part in the Subcommittee's deliberations.

So far as the military intelligence services are concerned, Young said he agreed with Ellender that significant cuts are necessary and he personally feels that NSA should take the major share.

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7. [redacted] JMM) Mr. [redacted] OCI, and I met with Senator Peter Dominick at his request and Mr. [redacted] briefed him in depth on the present situation in the Middle East. I covered our present assessment of the new Soviet Swingwing bomber, concerning which the Senator said there was a good deal of confusion even within the Armed Services Committee, apparently as a result of some recent briefings by the Air Force. I emphasized to the Senator that our present estimates of this aircraft were based on limited information and were therefore quite tentative. My comments closely followed [redacted] of 24 April, which set forth DDI's "preliminary assessments" of the matter.

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8. [redacted] - LLM) Called Robert Hull, Department of State, to determine if Deputy Under Secretary Macomber had been able to meet with Roger Jones, Bureau of the Budget, concerning the funding of the Foreign Service retirement system. Hull said the meeting had not yet taken place as Jones was preoccupied for the time being with the Bureau of the Budget reorganization and Postal reorganization.

Mr. Hull called for a rundown on the Ervin bill (S.782) which I supplied him along with the changes from S.1035. I told him the Manpower and Civil Service Subcommittee, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, had requested our comments and I understood a similar request was being made of NSA and the Civil Service Commission. Hull said the Department had commented on the bill to the Subcommittee previously and probably would do so in connection with S.782.

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9. [redacted] - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff. Mr. Preston told me that Tuesday will be the only day next week that Representative Frank Bow (R., Ohio) and Representative William Minshall (R., Ohio) will have free time to meet with George Carver and [redacted] for a follow-up briefing on Sihanoukville and North Vietnam supply routes into South Vietnam. He told me also that Chairman Mahon may want to sit in on the briefing. Mr. Preston will check with the Chairman and with Representatives Bow and Minshall and call me. See Memorandum for the Record of 11 May.

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10. [redacted] JGO) In response to his request, I met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Committee on Armed Services, and briefed him informally on the preliminary assessment of the new Soviet bomber. Although Mr. Slatinshek had no quarrel with the facts presented, he was quite annoyed that the briefing provided by Air Force representatives during the week gave quite a different impression: "that of a heavy bomber." He also asked why the Agency and Air Force are not better coordinated in such matters. I told him I would relay his question but that the preliminary estimate of the new bomber was in fact prepared by the Foreign Technology Division of the Air Force.

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